

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 32

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuller

December 4, 2006

An act relating to career technical education.

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AB 32, as introduced, Fuller. Career technical education: work certification training.

Existing law requires school districts to adopt a course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, that includes, among other things, career technical education.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district to authorize pupils, with parental permission, who would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work, to attend community college as special part-time students to undertake one or more courses of instruction at the community college level, in order to provide educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils.

Existing law provides for the establishment of partnership academies by participating school districts as “schools within a school” and as state-school-private sector partnerships that provide combined academic and occupational training to high school pupils who present a high risk of dropping out of school.

Existing law authorizes the county superintendent of schools of each county, with the consent of the State Board of Education, to establish and maintain at least one regional occupational center, or regional occupational program, in the county to provide education and training in career technical courses. Existing law requires the governing board

of a regional occupational center or program to ensure that at least 90% of all state-funded courses offered by the center or program are part of occupational course sequences that target high-skill occupations that are in demand and to establish and maintain an employer advisory board or boards.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to provide, within the public school system, work certification training options to pupils who are between the ages of 16 and 18 years, have passed the high school exit examination, and have the consent of their parents or guardians, with particular emphasis on job specific skilled labor and technical training.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

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- 4 the high school exit examination, and have the consent of their
- 5 parents or guardians, with particular emphasis on job specific
- 6 skilled labor and technical training.